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Corps of Engineers announces development plans for Airport Park, Waco Lake

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has announced plans to implement a major recreation area development project for Airport Park at Waco Lake.

Emphasis will be placed on separation of park facility utilization based upon type of use, natural resources and best management practices. In the existing day use area, traffic congestion places a great demand on facilities, resulting in frequent conflicts among users and delay of emergency services. The camping area does not accommodate today's larger recreational vehicles--parking lots are small, roads are narrow, parking spurs are short and electrical service is inadequate.

The preliminary plan calls for relocating all day use facilities to the Airport Beach area just across the cove from Airport Park Marina. The new area would be developed with approximately 50 picnic sites, a four-lane boat ramp, a beach volleyball area, a hackey sack area, a playground, a swimming beach, two restroom buildings and large parking lots designed to decrease congestion and improve traffic flow.

The existing Airport Park area will be developed for camping and will include RV sites with electric and water hookups, screened shelter sites, tent sites, a group camping area and a two-lane boat ramp. A separate entrance road will be provided for Airport Marina clientele.

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This is a long-term development plan that will be implemented as funds become available and will likely take several years to complete.

Written comments should be sent to the following address by February 22, 2002:

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Final park improvement plans will be available for public review in late fall of this year at the Waco Lake Office and on the Waco Lake homepage at <http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/waco/>.